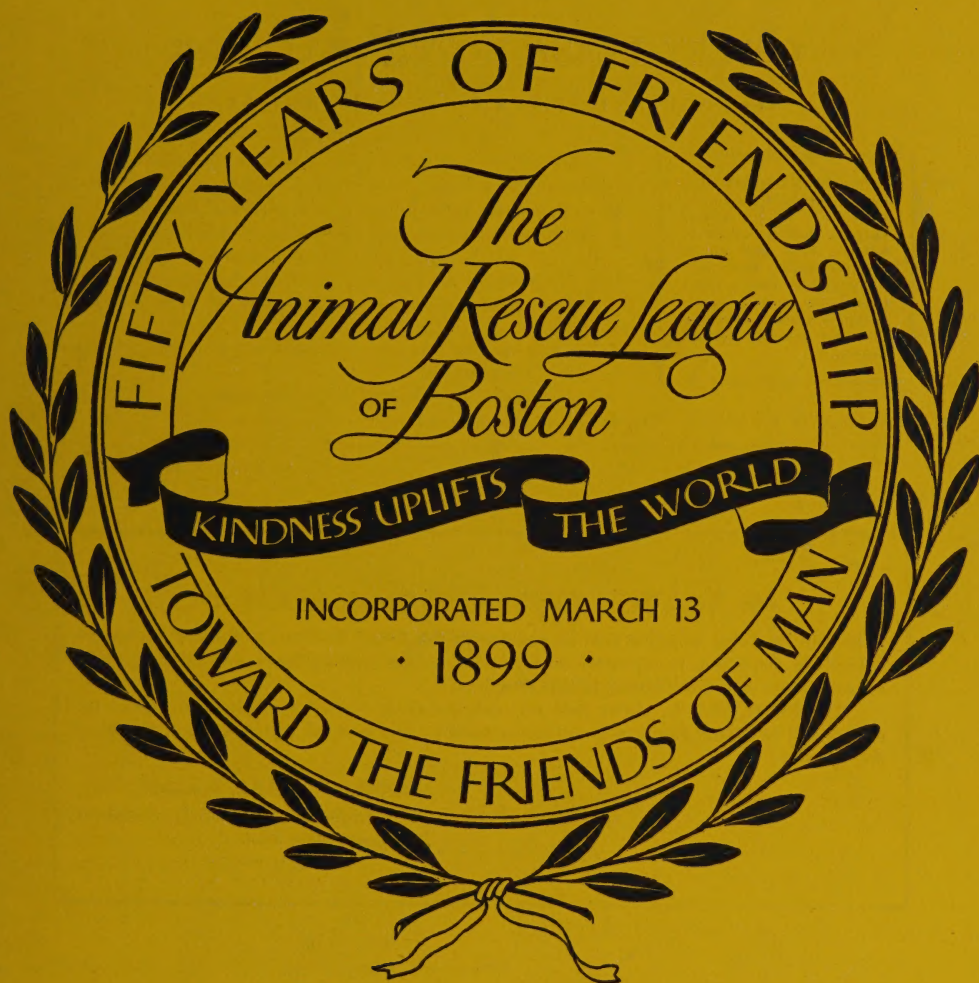


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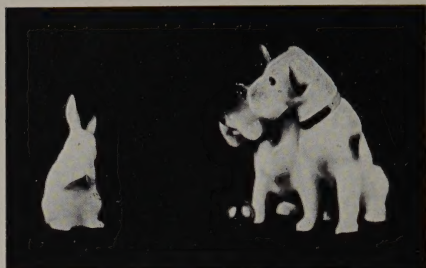
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47th
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TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
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MEMBERS and FRIENDS are cordially invited to attend, and you can help by collecting articles and sending them to us to be sold for the benefit of our animal friends.

Money contributions are also earnestly solicited.

Both should be sent to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, 51 Carver Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts.

Please mark articles for the attention of Miss Mary E. Boutelle.

We will call for articles within the scope of our collection service. (See page 18)

Anticipated extension of activities makes it imperative that the 47th ANNUAL FAIR be an outstanding success!

Won't you help our Fair Committee to realize this ambition?

MARY E. BOUTELLE, *Manager*

➔ WATCH OUT FOR THIS MAN ➔

A certain Dr. King, alleging that he represents the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is reported as trying to secure money from animal protective organizations and individuals in this country.

The Royal S.P.C.A. states that no representative of that organization would be authorized to solicit funds without agreement on the part of The American Humane Association.

ROBERT F. SELLAR, *President*
The American Humane Association
Albany, New York

New President of the League

CARLTON E. BUTTRICK

ELECTED JUNE 3, 1949

THE Board of Directors of the Animal Rescue League of Boston has elected, to fill the vacancy in the office of President created by the death of Walter J. Dethloff last March, Carlton E. Buttrick, former Director of Field Service for The American Humane Association, Albany, New York.

Returning to his native New England, Mr. Buttrick assumed his official duties July 17, 1949. He has been associated with humane work for eleven years, which qualifies him to carry on the high ideals and principles of the League.

Mr. Buttrick was graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1932 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While attending the University he was honored by election into Phi Kappa Phi, National Honorary Scholastic Society. Mr. Buttrick also spent one summer at the Teacher's Institute, Yale University. In 1935 he became Boys' Director of the William L. Gilbert Home, Winsted, Connecticut where he remained for three years. He was then appointed Boys' Supervisor to a settlement house in Hartford, Connecticut and in September 1938 was made Director of Education for the Connecticut Humane Society. In that position his duties were not confined to the field of humane education, but included broad experience in the investigation of alleged complaints of cruelty, and shelter management.

In January 1945, Mr. Buttrick became Field



Director of The American Humane Association. This position brought him into close contact with humane societies throughout the country, advising in connection with problems that cover the entire field of humane endeavor. During his tenure as Director of Field Service, The American Humane Association opened two Regional Offices which came under his supervision. In addition to his regular field duties, Mr. Buttrick served as National Director of the American Red Star Animal Relief and for the last three years has acted as Chairman of the Association's National Conventions.

Mr. Buttrick is married to the former Florence E. Middlebrook of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Buttrick, together with their son, Richard, and the family's pet

dog and cat, are now living at Pine Ridge, Dedham, Massachusetts.

Editor's Note: The foregoing résumé stamps Mr. Buttrick as an outstanding individual to take over the duties of President, and under his leadership the League will continue and expand its fine work with the same humane principles on which the organization was founded fifty years ago by Mrs. Huntington Smith.



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HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE (*Part III*)

MAJOR changes in the direction of the League's affairs were the first and most important matters for attention in the aftermath of Mrs. Smith's death. Miss Charlene Wilson was continued as active manager, but the Executive Committee was charged with the over-all responsibility for management. Mr. Julian Codman, a Director since 1909, was made chairman of both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. This Committee was directed to study all phases of the League's activities, while a special committee was created to look into the matter of a new president. This problem was not solved for three years when Robert F. Sellar, former chief executive of the Humane Society of Missouri, was elected to the newly created office of Managing Director in July 1931, and then elected President of the League in February 1932. Meanwhile, in 1930, Director William E. Brigham was made Managing Director Pro Tem, while Mrs. Arthur T. Cabot resigned as secretary after serving with great competence and fidelity since 1906 and was succeeded by Miss Helen Leighton, a Director since 1920.

In the three interregnum years between Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sellar the

organization was conducted along the general lines of sound principle which Mrs. Smith and her husband had developed. The great depression of 1929-30 of course affected the League to a marked degree, and a drop of over \$5,000 in income from investments is seen in the Treasurer's report for 1930. The operating deficit, or excess of expenditure over income, was commendably held to under the \$20,000 mark, however, where it had been hovering for several years — thanks in part to funds becoming available from new bequests and donations fortunately received during the year. In spite of the hard times, it is noteworthy that it was found possible to contribute \$1,250 to the Massachusetts Anti-Steel-Trap League for its ultimately successful campaign which the League was supporting.

In 1930 fees for placing dogs were increased to \$5.00 and a fee of \$1.00 established for cat placements. It was becoming increasingly difficult, during this period, to find good homes for eligible animals and a 45% decrease in placements occurred against only a 25% decrease in animals received.

The disposal room was remodeled to more than twice its original size

and improvements were made in the electric contacts on the cages. At the same time, calls upon the Free Clinic showed a sharp increase as more and more owners of stricken pets sought to conserve their resources wherever possible. To increase the capacity of the clinic, improved anaesthesia apparatus was developed for the operating room so that it became the last word in efficiency. Upon his retirement in 1930, Mr. Julian Codman was highly commended for his perseverance in effecting these improvements. Dr. Young, in charge of the Clinic, gave several important professional addresses on new operating techniques and was honored by the President of The American Humane Association for "the greatest single contribution of anyone present" at its national convention on rabies in 1930.

This period was marked by a \$1,500 short-circuit fire in the basement of the clinic annex in December 1929 when eight cats were rescued and 70 dogs saved from suffocation; while in 1930 a sum of \$120 was stolen from Miss Starbuck, the League's efficient branch visitor, whereupon burglary insurance was promptly taken out. Also, in the category of undesirable episodes was

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an epidemic of telephone calls on April Fool's Day for "Kitty," "Mrs. Katz," "Mr. Barker," etc., which ran to over 1,000 in 1932, interfering with over 100 legitimate calls and prompting Mr. Brigham to urge the observance of this practical jokers' day as a centennial rather than an annual occasion!

The major accomplishment of 1930 was undoubtedly the stimulation of the movement for the issuing of identifying tags by cities and towns at the same time as dog licenses; and both Boston, with 9,800 licensed dogs, and Worcester acted upon the League's recommendation, it having been brought out that less than 3% of the dogs taken by the League were restored to owners through any mark of identification. Nevertheless, the restorations made were commendably numerous, no less than 413 dogs being restored to owners in 1930.

Another feature of this period was the branch development work on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Following the round-up of 220 animals in the fall of 1929, and due to the inspiration, contributions and personal management of Miss Katherine M. Foote, a headquarters was established at Edgartown in 1930. From this it was hoped to service not only Martha's Vineyard, but also Nantucket and the Woods' Hole section of the Cape.



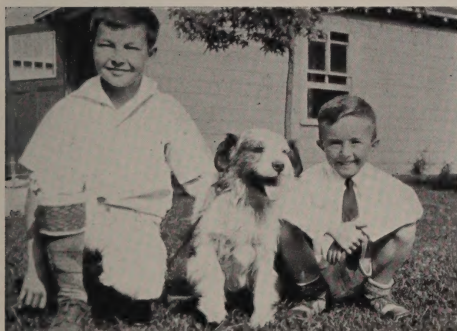
Dr. Young and Assistant Busy with One of the Many Clinic Patients

Renewal of Our FourFooted Friends Publication

The humane educational work was far from idle in this interval before the inauguration of Mr. Sellar. Of major importance was the renewal of *Our Fourfooted Friends*. Discontinued in March 1929, due to the death of its editor, it now reappeared as a quarterly publication in January 1931 and has been so issued ever since.

Several reporters were now visiting the League regularly and it was a common saying it was "good for a story a day." One of the most extraordinary, which occurred in 1930, was the case of an elderly, eccentric and wealthy Boston woman physician who was taken for observation from a fourteen-room house crammed with paintings, antiques and other valuables estimated at about \$500,000. Here she had been dwelling with no less than 25 dogs and 14 cats all of which were immediately taken care of by the League. Her abnormal love of animals had caused neighbors to mercifully intervene. It is touching to record that her only concern upon being taken away was for the welfare of her pets.

Every legitimate endeavor was being made to keep in favor with the public through news stories, and the radio was also being used to good effect. A notable broadcast was made by Mayor Russell of Cambridge who spoke about the League's great work for twenty-two years in his city.



*A
License Tag
Protects
Happiness
Like This*

ROBERT F. SELLAR ELECTED PRESIDENT in 1932



*Robert F. Sellar, President
February 1932 to March 1946*

(NOTE: Mr. Sellar came to the League as Managing Director in June 1931 and was elected President in February 1932)

UPON taking office in June 1931, as Managing Director, Mr. Sellar declared in his first statement: "As I see it, after a brief survey, any departure from past or present methods should come from force of circumstances alone. The scope of the work is naturally broadening every day, steadily becoming more popular. We are recognized as never be-

fore as a civilizing influence. *Prevention of cruelty*, rather than prosecution for ill-treatment of animals, must be our aim."

The force of circumstances, which Mr. Sellar emphasized, almost immediately brought about two developments. The first was the institution of 24-hour-emergency service, which made possible 147 night responses

from September 11 to the end of the year. The second improvement was the creation of a distinct Department of Investigation and Inspection under the direction of Archibald MacDonald. With this in operation day and night work became possible at the stockyards and a total of 221 inspections in all were made in the last four months of 1931.

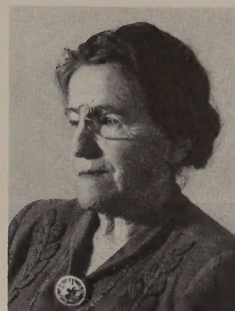
Massachusetts Federation of Humane Societies

Another memorable step forward was the initiative of the League, under its new President, in bringing about the formation of a Massachusetts Federation of Humane Societies on April 21, 1932, with Mr. Sellar as President, and with the following six-fold objectives:

1. To bring the several organizations incorporated in the State of Massachusetts for the prevention and suppression of cruelty, humane educational societies, and societies of kindred interest into closer relationship and thus secure greater uniformity of procedure.
2. To render assistance and support when needed in adjacent districts; also to enlist the aid and support of persons who may or may not be members of such societies.
3. To consider and discuss important questions of daily experience.
4. To develop better business practices on the part of organizations now weak in that respect.
5. To promote general understanding of humane legislation both existing and to be secured in the future.
6. Any other questions which seem to demand the careful consideration of those interested in humane work.

LABRADOR MISSION and MARIONETTES

Miss B. Maude Phillips Assists Grenfell Mission in
Teaching Humane Education to the
Children of Labrador



Miss Phillips

How the willingness of the League to help a great humane missionary work brought the Biblical hundred-fold reward is the story of assistance given to Sir Wilfred and Lady Grenfell in their historic Labrador Mission. Out of this developed the famous marionette shows, which for many years have constituted a principal medium for the teaching of humane education and have been given to over 800,000 school children.

In 1931, on a visit to Boston, Sir Wilfred Grenfell welcomed the idea of help in teaching humaneness to the children of Labrador. Accordingly, in 1932, and again in 1933, Miss B. Maude Phillips, formerly

Mrs. Smith's devoted secretary and then Director of Education, went to Labrador to organize and carry on the humane program. She also helped to start a summer school for humane education at St. John's, Newfoundland.

The first puppet shows were worked out in Labrador, and, upon Miss Phillips's return to Boston, plays featuring *Peter Rabbit*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Hansel and Gretel* were developed, all teaching lessons of kindness. It was soundly predicted these marionette shows would speed up humane education for the child in the next five years more than in the past fifty. By 1937 this expectancy

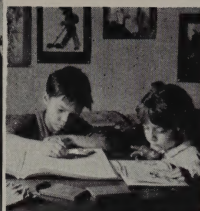
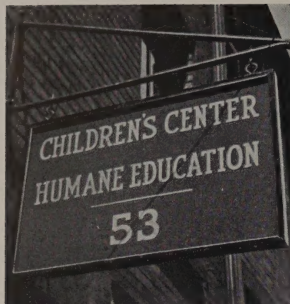
was clearly justified when 196 plays were given to some 60,000 children, and the Animal Welfare League of Sholapur, India, was formed primarily from the interest of missionaries in the League's program. In a most interesting article by Mr. Brigham appearing in the July 1933 issue of *Our Fourfooted Friends*, he pointed out that marionettes were known to the ancient Egyptians, Hindus and Chinese; had been extensively employed throughout Medieval Europe, and were even utilized by the early American Indians; but that the League's use of this ancient device for humane education was the first of its kind on record.

*Sir Wilfred T. and
Lady Anne Grenfell*



*The League Pioneers with Puppet Shows of the Ancients to
Carry the Lessons of Kindness to Animals*





CHILDREN'S CENTER

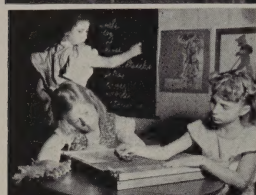
BLANCHARD HALL

THE humane educational auditorium at 53 Carver Street was named Blanchard Hall in honor of Mrs. Margaretta Blanchard Crossman who, with her husband Howard A. Crossman, had donated a greatly needed ambulance in 1932 and in many other ways is a staunch supporter of the League. She has been a Director since 1935.

The laboratory experiment which has been conducted in the Children's Center during the summer months has demonstrated beyond a doubt that it has been a worth while project. The children are more fully aware of their duty to four footed and feathered friends of man, and have become better acquainted with the children of other lands — a touch of world brotherhood.

In this Center, which has just recently been renovated, we hope that Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and other groups will exchange with us valuable ideas and help toward a better understanding of our duty toward the lower creation. It is our desire to have them become so well versed in the needs of animals that they will feel it a privilege to be associated with the work of the League. A reference library, so well equipped that every teacher and child seeking information will obtain it, is part of our Center and we hope eventually to have a circulating library so that children may take books home for study.

Mrs. Huntington Smith from the very beginning of her work for the protection of animals realized the value of the child-animal relationship. Consequently, in her first year she established a kindness Club through which we taught our "citizens of the future" how much they owe to the animal kingdom. We hope to revive this by organizing a Junior Animal Rescue League so replete with a wealth of activities that children will be anxious to join and participate in a project which they will guide in their own Center.



THE ONE SURE WAY TO END ALL CRUELTIES IS TO
UNITE UNFLINCHINGLY AGAINST THEM

Animal Stories Reproduced in Braille

An unusual posthumous tribute was paid to Mrs. Smith in 1932 when a number of her animal stories were reproduced in Braille for the instruction of the blind. Also, at this time, ten of her books were awarded as prizes at a Boston Cat Show. Furthermore, a memorial building to Mrs. Smith, to supply the great need for larger and more modern quarters, was suggested in Mr. Sellar's First Annual Report, and by 1934 some \$41,000 had been pledged for this objective which, however, did not materialize for good reasons which are explained later.

General Activities

The League put on a stiff campaign in 1933 against the shipment of immature calves, over 125,000 being transported to Boston annually.

Attention was also directed to the crating and shipping of poultry often wretchedly done.

Plans were made to revise the Massachusetts Dog Laws in order to eliminate bad features and to include new provisions to amend licensing statutes. On one occasion a fine mongrel dog was successfully introduced before the legislative committee—the first and perhaps only such an episode on record. This animal was doomed to be destroyed that very night had the proposed law requiring destruction of animals not placed in new homes within 72 hours after receipt been in effect.

A bill designed to prevent the painful operations involved in "setting up" of the tails of saddle horses was actively supported.

Stockyard inspections increased and the new Investigation and Inspection Department was commended for its long and painstaking hours of labor. In 1934 this department ministered to 13,307 animals, and so respected was its vigilant

work that only 22 prosecutions in court were necessary. Twenty-one convictions were secured. In the other case, one essential witness failed to appear. This work greatly rounded to the prestige and favorable public relations of the League.

The use of horses in these depression days was again on the increase for farming and short urban hauling. Also, the percentage of horses on

city streets requiring help increased. Many were cared for at Pine Ridge.

Here also, we may note, that by 1933 some 1,600 pets had been interred in the cemetery—among them Admiral Richard E. Byrd's famous pet dog "Igloo." Popular interest in the cemetery had increased and on Memorial Day of 1933 over 1,000 visitors were recorded.



This beautiful monument was raised by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, U. S. Navy, retired, to the memory of his fox terrier, Igloo, in Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals, Dedham, Massachusetts. The memorial is of Dedham granite and strikingly suggests the iceberg which is the accepted symbol of the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Thousands of visitors have gazed upon this monument and admired its beauty.

Rodeos and Wild West Shows

Concerned for the welfare of every animal, the League, following the lead of The American Humane Association in the New York area, instituted a campaign against abuses and cruelty in the local rodeo and wild west shows. A set of 18 regulations was drawn up and acceded to, and a supervisor was present at every performance. On one occasion, in April 1932, in failing to clear a 22-foot jump over an automobile a \$15,000 prize horse broke its neck and was courageously shot on the spot by Agent MacDonald in the teeth of a near riot by the rodeo performers.

This was a perilous year for Archie MacDonald. Three months later police reserves had to be summoned to break up a six-man battle at the League when two Roxbury men sought to retrieve a dog that had been legally taken up. His injuries landed him in the hospital while the Roxbury aggressors were jailed for assault and battery.

Bullfighting

Another meritorious activity at the beginning of President Sellar's administration was the stand taken in cooperation with The American Humane Association to prevent the introduction of bullfighting into the United States and to prohibit scenes of such nature from being shown on the screen. A very determined effort was being made at this time to exploit bulls and the League's influence was far-reaching and effective.

Also memorable was the work done in 1934 when millions of cattle from the drought-stricken West were sent East by the Government for grazing and slaughter. Herds in nineteen Massachusetts towns were inspected and found to be in a semi-starved condition, whereupon arrangements were made for additional fodder and early, systematic slaughtering to prevent further suffering.

Horses were still a major concern of the League, although in 1937 it is recorded that they had decreased by 90,000 in twenty years in Massachusetts and now numbered about 25,000. In 1935 an estimate of 4,100 in and around Boston had been made, in which year 560 were rescued and cared for. At the end of the decade, however, the general decrease had caused a substantial reduction in the number being cared for at Pine Ridge.

The Cape District

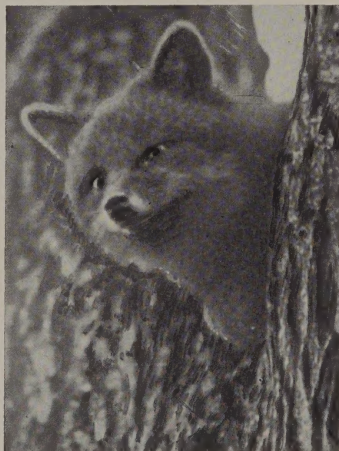
Among other incidents in this period may be mentioned the following in the Cape district.

In 1935 the League sponsored the humane reduction of a prolific deer herd on Nantucket Island. Great storms the next year caused thousands of ducks and other waterfowl to perish from the oil slicks thrown out by vessels in distress. Three men

were sent to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to put over 1,000 of these wretched creatures out of their misery. A campaign was also waged on wood ticks in this same area where some 300 had been removed from a single dog. Cattle and wildlife were also suffering. A special and very successful box trap was designed to capture derelict cats on the Cape and, speaking of derelicts, it may also be observed that the work of the League of many years in taking up abandoned animals from beaches during the fall was still very effective, no less than 2,660 being rescued in 1936. Perhaps the most unusual rescue case came this year when a fox was found treed on Boston Common which escaped from the League's clambering agents, led them a merry chase through the Back Bay and out to the Esplanade, and was finally lassoed in the Charles River Basin off Clarendon Street!

CAN A FOX CLIMB A TREE?

ONE telephone call rapidly followed another asking that question. The reply was — "this one



did." We learned that gray foxes do at times when hard pressed by man or dog. Where he came from we did not know, and our agents were dispatched to catch him. They did so after a merry chase, which means the fox jumped down and sped across Boston Common as one agent climbed the tree. He hurdled an automobile parked on Charles Street and ran through the Public Garden to Arlington Street, then out the Esplanade. He backed on his trail at Exeter Street, jumping into the Charles River, but quickly returned to shore near Clarendon Street. Another plunge was attempted before one of our agents successfully lassoed him. His panic was pitiful and we were loath to add to it, but a fox running wild in the city just had to be caught and cared for.

AMRITA ISLAND

and

HUMANE CONFERENCES



Amrita Island from Buzzards Bay

THE outstanding development of this fourth decade was the acquisition of Amrita Island at Cataumet on Cape Cod as a center for humane educational activities and conferences.

This beautiful island of six acres facing Buzzards Bay, and connected to the mainland by an imposing stone causeway, had been developed during their lifetime as a magnificent estate containing six houses in all by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Baxendale of Brockton, Massachusetts.

Mr. Baxendale was a wealthy inventor and manufacturer of box toes and she an active leader of the Brockton Humane Society and great personal friend of Mrs. Huntington Smith. It will be recalled that in 1903 a valuable greyhound had been given to Mrs. Baxendale by the League, and this dog "Rex" — her favorite for many years — now lay buried on the island.

In 1914 the Baxendale Memorial Lecture Foundation had been established and for twelve years a series of lectures, mostly on animal and plant life, had been given in the grove.



Esther Minerva Baxendale

Amrita, incidentally, being taken from the Sanskrit, means "youth renewing water."

Upon Mrs. Baxendale's death in 1927 the whole estate was given in trust to Harvard University at the personal instance of President Lowell. The trust specified that 1) the seat of the Baxendale Foundation be at Amrita; 2) the main purpose be edu-

cational; and 3) a principal subject of the educational work should be the relationship between human and animal life with particular attention to the preservation of the wildlife and protection of animals through human kindness. Found to be somewhat out of line with the Harvard curriculum, but apparently highly

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Outdoor Study Group





Photograph by Bachrach

OUR CAPE COD BRANCH—

How It Started and How It Grew

by MARGARET MORSE COFFIN, *Director*

SHE turned from her desk, a little lady of quiet mien dressed in soft shades of brown, and rose to meet her visitor. "We have, I believe, much in common," she said. "Let us sit down together and talk it over."

Thus, on a winter's day in

1910, I was welcomed as a new director of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by its president, Mrs. Huntington Smith, and unconsciously the seed destined to produce a flourishing Branch on Cape Cod was then planted.

Discovering that I spent my

summers at Falmouth, Mrs. Smith told me of her ardent desire to extend relief to that locality. "Letters are coming to me from all over the Cape," she said, "begging that we help animals in distress."

In 1924, when my husband and I found a summer home in

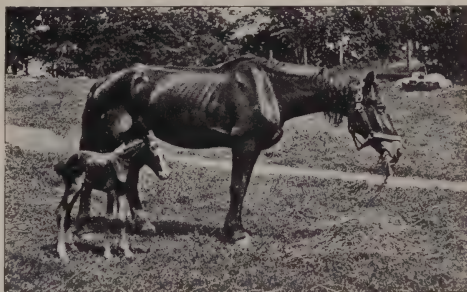
That there were horses over-driven, then turned out to die; that cattle were left without shelter, and dogs and cats were abandoned—I also knew. Since early childhood I had gathered up kittens dropped by the roadsides and taken food to old barns haunted by stray cats. Now I longed to help in a workable plan of relief, but as a mere summer colonist this was impossible.

the township of Harwich, Mr. Irwin, of Cotuit, the part-time agent appointed by Mrs. Smith in 1921, came over to help me in local areas where deserted cats abounded. As he had no shelter where animals could be kept, however, these sporadic visits were only a makeshift. So each autumn on my return to Boston, Mrs. Smith and I strove for a more far-reaching plan.

Regrettably it was not until 1931, two years after her death, that such a plan evolved. Then through the cooperation of our Board of Directors (William E. Brigham, Managing Director) two Cape Cod full-time agents were appointed. John T. Wood for the Central Cape including Harwich and Walter F. Nickerson for Eastham and the Lower Cape.

Meantime my husband and I had become year-round Harwich residents. So with a director and two agents on the spot, and aid both moral and financial from Boston, organization was in sight.

In March 1931 I addressed the Harwich Woman's Club giving my story of the Animal Rescue League and a forecast of what we hoped to accomplish on the Cape.



←MRS. ROCKWELL (MARGARET MORSE) COFFIN AND "BO": *The dynamic leadership of Mrs. Coffin on Cape Cod has been responsible for the fulfillment of a project that was very dear to the heart of Mrs. Huntington Smith.*

In July we sent out an appeal with the heading "3 REASONS WHY AN ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE IS NEEDED ON CAPE COD" to several thousand residents and sponsored by forty interested citizens whom I had called on in scattered towns.

1. Relief and Shelter for sick, suffering animals.
2. Humane Disposition of dis-

eased, unwanted animals that are a menace to our Cape Cod Community.

3. Humane Education through distribution of interesting, well-written leaflets. Every household should know how to care properly for its pets.

In July a group of about twenty women gathered at our house to plan a TAG DAY. As a result this was held one fine

August day in fifteen towns and villages all the way from Falmouth to Provincetown.

Groups of girls and boys, gay with bandanas and arm bands with Animal Rescue League in white letters on bright blue ribbons, passed our money boxes with such enthusiasm that donations amounted to \$1,153.17 — far beyond our highest hopes.

TAG DAY



*The Day
when Everyone
can do something
for the
Cape Cod Branch
of
The ANIMAL
RESCUE LEAGUE
of BOSTON*



For five successive years these groups with only slight changes continued to help us either with a TAG DAY or a benefit entertainment — the grand finale taking place in August 1935 when before a capacity audience in Exchange Hall, Harwich, Cornelia Otis Skinner gave her inimitable monologues — an event that contributed greatly both to the coffers and prestige of our branch.

By this time our new venture was so well launched that we discontinued special money raising events, and concentrated on our annual letter of appeal, the nineteenth issue of which was sent out to a large membership list this past summer.

Our work through the years



PHOTO BY KELSEY STUDIO

Hilliard E. Hopkins, No. Harwich

has followed a pattern similar to that of the pioneer League in Boston.

Following up complaints, rescuing stray, injured and abandoned animals, relieving owners of pets they cannot keep and placing them in new homes if possible, otherwise putting them humanely to sleep — play a large part in the duties of our agents.

After the first year Mr. Wood retired and his place was taken by Preston A. Rogers who remained with us from 1932 to the summer of 1946. When, to our regret, he left the Cape, Hilliard E. Hopkins immediately took his place and is now in his 4th year of indefatigable service.

At Eastham no change has been made. Mr. Nickerson, in his nineteenth year of devotion to our cause, is still carrying on to our deep gratification.

Walter F. Nickerson, Eastham



PHOTO BY CENTRAL CAPE PRESS, INC.

The most dramatic episode in the life of our branch was the capture of the wild dogs of Truro which for a long time

and in increasing numbers had terrorized the neighborhood. This outcome for which Mr. Nickerson deserves great credit

contributed largely toward reducing by nearly 40% the cost of depredation to poultry and live stock.



Wild Dogs of Truro

To convict a person of cruelty to animals is more difficult than may be imagined. It was, therefore, under a complaint of "maintaining a public nuisance" that the owner of the wild dogs was brought to trial and found guilty in Superior Court at Barnstable. He was given by the Judge a suspended sentence of one year in the House of Correction, and placed on probation for three years with the provision that he keep no more than one dog during that time.

By court order our Eastham agent, Walter Nickerson, assisted by the Chief of Police (and at considerable personal risk) humanely disposed of all these fifty dogs.

Other photographs besides the one included here of the

"Lone Wolf" in his cave-like cellar, testify to the nearly starved condition of these dogs. In explanation of those which appear more prosperous, it should be told that for some time while the case was pending, our society fed all animals which could be brought under control.

Some were found in a derelict automobile, some in an abandoned hen house with no floor to cover the damp earth, and others in a variety of strange places.

So a dismal story ended and we believe that every fair-minded person must rejoice for the sake of those unlucky dogs, as well as for the community which they terrorized, that they are finally at rest.

Another case of importance

which was given less publicity, but in which we also achieved our purpose, was the apprehension of cat stealers in several of our Cape towns. Justice prevailed and brought this racket to an end.

Many of our experiences deal with human relations and are too intimate to be told. Not children alone, but animals become victims of broken homes. A dog who has lost his master under such baffling conditions and will tolerate no other home is doomed to be a wanderer on the face of the earth.

In contrast to a recent case of this type was the joyous restoration of a cherished white kitten to the arms of its six-year-old mistress. To witness the ecstasy of such reunions does the heart good to remember.

Because of a conviction that our work was needed and because it was a hope of Mrs. Huntington Smith which we aimed to fulfill, faith helped

us start our Cape Cod Branch in a small way. It keeps on growing! Each year becoming better known — more fully recognized. Today it IS a vital

force in the community.

To us the least of God's creatures looks for protection, understanding and love. May we never fail them!



MRS. ROCKWELL COFFIN, Director, Harwichport



* Shelters of The Cape Cod Branch of the Animal Rescue League.

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consonant with the humane objectives of the League the courts authorized transfer of the trusteeship in 1933. It was announced that the League intended to establish a summer school to train public and private school teachers in humane work and to train men and women in the management of humane society work.

Following a meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Humane Societies at Amrita Island in 1936, the first conference and summer school was held the same year with 48 per-

sons attending. Among these was Walter J. Dethloff, head of the Wisconsin Humane Society and destined later to become the League's fourth President. Mr. Dethloff gave a detailed and expert discussion of livestock processing and transportation. A check on the agenda reveals that no less than 14 main subjects and 34 miscellaneous topics were discussed during the sessions of the school or "everything that Noah didn't know about all the creatures he took aboard the Ark from the horse to the wood tick," according to the *Boston Transcript*.

In 1937 a feature address was that on *The History of the Humane Movement* by President Sydney H. Coleman of The American Humane Association. In 1938 some 120 delegates from 14 states were registered during the four-week conference, while topics particularly pertaining to children were introduced for the first time. Especially praiseworthy this year was the outstanding work of Miss Harriet G. Bird in supplying funds and equipment and directing remodeling operations so as to provide for handling the large attendance and to make them comfortable.

LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION

Any effort which reduces cruelty to animals should receive support from humane organizations. That is why the Animal Rescue League of Boston formed and continues to support a livestock loss prevention educational program.



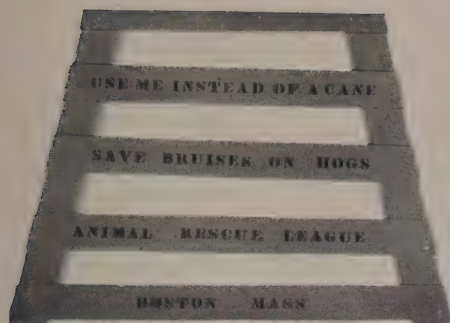
Livestock Loss Prevention Exhibit at an Agricultural Meeting

A MAJOR affiliated activity of the League came into being when, on June 30, 1936, after several years of study and consideration, the Eastern States Livestock Loss Prevention Association was formed. This came about in great measure through members and friends of the League who had been especially concerned with continual cases of animals suffering in transit to the Boston market.

Miss Marjorie L. Wyman of the League was made Secretary and Treasurer and President Sellar became a member of the Board of Directors. Modeled somewhat after an Ohio organization, the ESLPA promptly took up a campaign designed to reach producers, shippers and carriers—both to reduce the causes of suffering and curtail the great waste in bruised and spoiled

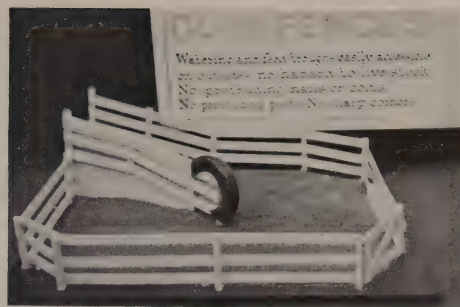
meat. No less than 20% of the 40,000,000 cattle and hogs slaughtered in 1935 had been certified as bruised—either in transit or by bad handling previous to shipment—while the financial livestock loss for the country as a whole was estimated to run between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 annually!

It is of interest to note that two novel pieces of handling equipment



Hand Gate for Driving Hogs

— a hand gate to prevent hogs from escaping during a drive and a noisemaker consisting of a tin pail filled with nails to stimulate animals instead of a bruising blow or kick — were invented by Mr. Dethloff. Merit badges were also designed to be pre-



Model Stockyard

sented to careful handlers and school children and 4-H Club members were encouraged to write essays on the subject for prizes put up by the Association, while exhibits of a model stockyard and equipment were shown at leading New England fairs and ex-

positions. It is pertinent to add how active the League itself was in livestock matters at this time through several special surveys in Vermont source areas and inspecting many thousands of animals at Brighton and Somerville, Massachusetts.

New England Federation of Humane Societies

The need for closer humane cooperation on a national rather than merely statewide basis was becoming more and more manifest in these trying years. In December 1936 the Massachusetts Federation invited others from New England to discuss the subject and this led to the organization of the New England Federation of Humane Societies on December 10, 1937. Societies from all six New England states were represented in the original membership and Mr. Sellar was elected the first President.

Interest was retained in the American Red Star Animal Relief which had continued to function in emergencies ever since the First World War. In the several New England flood and hurricane disasters relief crews were organized, many localities visited and arrangements made for fodder and animal care. In 1938 President Sellar was made Eastern Regional Director for the national organization.



The Flood of 1936

Those animal welfare agencies permanently established in the flood areas, notably the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. at Springfield and the Lowell Humane Society, performed yeoman service not only in rescue work but in temporarily caring for pets from devastated sections. The Worcester Animal Rescue League, while not directly in the path of destruction, found use for row boats in effecting rescues, but was not sufficiently pressed to accept the offer of assistance of both men and trucks. However, the League was prepared for any emergency, organizing crews for the various flood areas, equipping cars with food supplies for small animals, and hundreds of miles were patrolled hunting for abandoned cats and other pets.

The public responded most generously to an appeal for financial help. While the service rendered cost more than the subscriptions amounted to, it was the League's obligation to bring relief to animals in distress. It should be recorded that the cooperation and thoughtfulness on the part of Boy Scout groups in this emergency indicates the future of animal welfare is assured.

CLINIC and ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

IN 1934 the clinic staff was increased to three veterinarians and plans made to direct some of this work to local private practitioners. X-ray, fluoroscope and modern dental equipment had been acquired to expedite the daily work. In *Our Fourfooted Friends* for February 1938 an excellent illustrated article on clinical apparatus was published. It may be added that this issue also contained an important illustrated article entitled "The Tools of Our Trade" in which was clearly described the utilitarian technique of its operations.

Dr. Wesley A. Young, who had been giving a steady series of radio talks entitled "Animals In The News," and who was in demand as a lecturer to other societies and organizations, received a flattering offer to head The Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago in 1936 after ten years with the League. He was succeeded as Chief Veterinarian by Dr. Herbert M. Tabbutt who prepared an important series of articles on the care of various kinds of pets which was published and received widespread commendation.

Frederick J. Bradlee, who had faithfully served as Treasurer from 1916 to 1932, was succeeded by



Herbert M. Tabbutt, D.V.M.

Bentley W. Warren, Jr. In 1933 John A. Finlayson was appointed Superintendent and Kennel Master, and Miss Mary E. Boutelle succeeded Miss Wilson as Manager, which most responsible position she has ably filled to this writing. In 1935 a Board of Investment was created, and a new five-year contract was negotiated with the City of Boston for its dog pound work, the City to pay \$4,500 per annum. This contract has been renewed twice to service all Suffolk County — Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. Its value to Boston and the worth of the League's services may be appreciated by an estimate that if the City were to do equivalent work, direct the necessary

set-up and operations, it would cost at least *ten times* per annum the fee now paid to the League.

In the second half of this fourth decade the problem of expanded quarters for the League became more and more pressing. The Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association expressed great interest in an enlarged clinic where cooperative work and studies could be carried on. A headquarters building as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Smith was authorized as soon as details could be worked out. Many supporters, however, strongly opposed any removal to another location although in 1937 the Directors inspected no less than 22 sites. Nearly \$80,000 was now in hand or definitely pledged for new construction, but, in 1937-38 a compromise idea began to take form which was in essence to retain the present administrative headquarters at No. 51 Carver Street and build a modern animal shelter elsewhere for animals in temporary custody. This proved to be practical as it was the most economical and efficient method of coping with the two-fold basic objective — the better sheltering and servicing of needy animals, which was and is the League's fundamental purpose, and the freeing of greatly needed space at headquarters for better administrative work.

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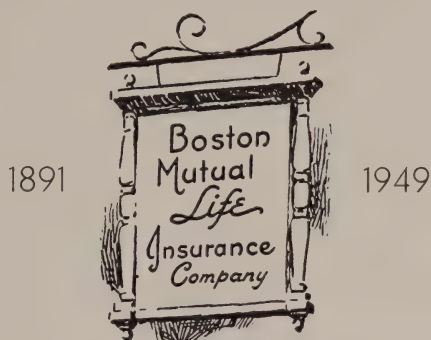
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